

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes
January 7, 2015

Board Attendance Record

William Dryburgh (113/123)
Katherine Ariens (34/37)
Maria Greenberg (49/53)
Paul Bigness (10/17)
John Hitzel (48/51)
Fred Pazona (32/41)
Lou Agosto (1/2)

Present

William Dryburgh
Katherine Ariens
John Hitzel
Paul Bigness
Fred Pazona

County Representatives

Tommy Scott, Director
Maureen Broderick, Recreation Manager
Monty Rodriguez, Foreman, Parks
Bonnie Blair, Administrative Assistant II

Guests

None

Call to Order

Chair Bill Dryburgh called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

- Nominations were entertained for Chair and Vice-Chair. Motion unanimously approved to re-appoint Bill Dryburgh as Chairman and John Hitzel as Vice-Chairman.

▪ **Chairman announced opportunity for public input on agenda items**

- None

▪ **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the November 5, 2014, were unanimously approved with one correction. John Hitzel amended his statement to "he feels the funding source for Harbormaster at a mooring field in Chadwick Cove should be funded by someone other than Parks & Recreation department".

▪ **Division Reports**

December staff report was distributed by email to members before the meeting.

- No comments
- Tommy Scott distributed a comparison chart for facility rentals and explained how the numbers were obtained.
- Fred Pazona requested that financial information be provided also
- Tommy Scott relayed that these figures will trigger the question of why the numbers have changed for staff and advisory board members.

▪ **New Business**

- Topics for Joint Workshop February 4, 2015
 - Discussion ensued regarding McGuire Park, Team Parkside, Parks Master Plan, Rest area on 75, Murdock Village and concerns of erosion at Englewood Beach.
 - .Topics for Workshop
 - Sales Tax Projects update, Parks Master Plan, Gateway project, mooring fields

- Discussion of the need for security at the joint meeting in the Mid-County Regional Library, Meeting Room C.
- **Budget**
 - Tommy Scott passed out a list from fiscal of the budget calendar and a current CIP book page that pertains to Community Services
 - Meeting with facilities soon to review; some items we can handle ourselves, some will be handled jointly.
 - Staff training on budgeting is an ongoing process. We are moving forward.
- **Old Business** - None.
- **Sports Council Update**
 - No meeting for December 2014
 - Katherine Ariens asked if we still need a representative to go to these meetings, since we now have Lou Agosto who regularly attends.
 - We will speak to Lou and Maria at our next meeting. There was no meeting in December.
- **Member Issues**
 - John Hitzel relayed his experience at the Disney World ESPN Facilities with 29 soccer fields where his great granddaughter was playing recently in a tournament, it was amazing.
 - Tommy Scott mentioned that we have two levels of state tournaments this year scheduled at North Charlotte Regional Park. .
 - Fred Pazona asked about construction oversight for the department.
 - Tommy Scott stated that South County pool is ahead of schedule, tile had grouting issues that needed to be repaired, scheduled for inspection on Friday.
 - Oyster Creek pool has a expensive heater issue; 1 failed and 3 are being repaired.
 - Resurfaced Harold Avenue floor again, re-lacquering, means down time for the facility.
 - Tommy Scott mentioned that machines fail, and are not intentional.
 - Commissioner Doherty expressed the need for a Capital Projects Coordinator/Manager, who is usually a Deputy County Administrator. Administration is interviewing now for this position to avoid situations like in the past.
 - Katherine Ariens said she sees the oversight issue in the past 5-6 years and is secure thinking this will be helpful.
 - Katherine asked how she can figure out what her district, Punta Gorda, wants. Suggests different locations for our meetings to possibly bring in the public. Maybe put a blurb in the newspaper to inform the public about our meetings.
 - John Hitzel feels this idea is worth a trial and see what happens.
 - March meeting will be held at the South County Recreation Center.
 - Katherine Ariens inquired about the Community Garden at South County Regional Park and if we every got another garden location. Gardens teach so much; she wants the children to be able to touch the earth. A lottery system was suggested to ensure that everyone gets a chance at a garden plot each year, not the same people year to year.
 - Commissioner Doherty thinks it's a wonderful idea to get the kids involved.
 - Tommy Scott will look into this. Maybe we can set some plots aside for this purpose.
 - Commissioner Doherty said to let him know if we need any help from his office.
- **Director's Report – Tommy Scott**
 - **Update on Parks Master Plan**

- Tommy Scott reported there has been one meeting of the Steering Committee; the next meeting is on the 20th. They are doing a rotation of meeting locations.
- Bill Dryburgh asked if more people are going to attend the next meeting. Tommy Scott replied that we hope to get a better response for the next meeting.
- Katherine Ariens mentioned that she would like to go to the Steering Committee meeting to listen and more educate herself.

▪ **Citizen Input**

- None

▪ **Announcements**

- Bill Dryburgh reminded Tommy Scott to let the advisory members know in advance when something is happening in our department so he doesn't have to read it in the paper. Tommy Scott replied that he will continue to keep members informed.

Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

CC: Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1
Commissioner Chris Constance, District 2
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3
Commissioner Stephen Deutsch, District 4
Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5
Raymond Sandrock, Administrator
Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator